



# LARC



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## December AARA President's Message

I hope everyone had a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Day. Besides eating too much we had a great day with family. Every one in America has so much to thank God for, especially, as Moon Griffon said on the radio, "We are so thankful to be free and have the right to fight for our freedom".

On Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> our meeting will be just long enough to say "Hello" to everyone and have prayer by Herman Campbell KN5GRK. Our Christmas Party will begin shortly after 6:00 PM. The meat and drinks for the party will be provided by Joy and Rick Breaux, with other club members bringing a covered dish of their choice. **NO VE TESTING AT THIS MEETING!**

At this time of year the scenery across the country is so beautiful with the foliage changing colors. This is the time of year that I like to head for the Smoky Mountains just to enjoy the scenery along the way. November has come and gone so fast it doesn't seem possible that we are approaching December already. I always welcome the cold weather, even the rainy cold weather. That seems like the time to do Christmas shopping. It's such a relief from the summer heat.

Jim (N5NVP) and Archie (W5AG) report that they greatly appreciate the support that AARA members and local area members provided to help make the Boy Scout Winter Camp 2010 Radio Merit Badge Course a great success. They will have much to say about the Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp in their section of the newsletter. I know they had a great time with the Boy Scouts. There were also others who participated with them that they will tell you about.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations go to Lynn Lamb, W4NL who has been selected to receive the Delta Division Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his dedication to the goals and objectives of the AARA and Amateur Radio Service.

2010 Louisiana Section Amateur of The Year nominations are now open until December 31. If you wish to nominate and outstanding Amateur for 2010, please send an email to K5GLS@ARRL.ORG providing the nominee's name, call and reasons (detailed as possible) along with your contact information to Gary.

Field Day 2010 data is now available on the AARRL and Louisiana Section websites. To to [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) or [www.laarrrl.org](http://www.laarrrl.org). Congratulations to BRARC for the highest point total again.

SKYWARN Appreciation Day is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Go to [ARRL.org](http://www.arrl.org) or the Louisiana ARRL Section websites for details. <http://www.laarrrl.org>

Club and Group Newsletter Publishers please be sure to send a copy to Ken Standard [ad5xj@arrl.net](mailto:ad5xj@arrl.net) so they can be published on the Section Website.

Lets everyone be be careful in their driving and whatever else they are doing in this holiday season . Be safe!

See you next meeting!

73

Irma Bookter - KE5UPK  
AARA Club President

## FAREWELL AS EDITOR

by Herman Campbell - KN5GRK

The December 2010 issue will be my last as LARC Editor. The new editor will be Galen Wilson KF5BET who will take over starting with the January 2011 issue. I will still fill in by getting the "hard copies" in the mail to members without internet and to some of the ARRL staff members.

I picked up the job as editor upon the request of Al Oubre K5DPG, then LARC Editor, just prior to becoming a SK back on November 25, 2005. The December 2005 was my first issue.

I must say that it has been quite an experience and somewhat fun in putting this newsletter together and getting it out on the Monday just before our General club meeting. I think it is time that I let someone else enjoy some of the fun.

I am sure that our members will give Galen KF5BET and his daughters Abigail (Abbi) KF5BEW & Kendra (Kenni) KF5FYS along with Mom (Crysti ) to support Galen as cub reporters on his new job as LARC Editor.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NE3W YEAR  
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AARA MEMBERSHIP

## DECEMBER AARA GENERAL MEETING

The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA. This will be our Christmas Banquet. The Club will furnish main entrée and drinks, members are asked to bring a covered dish. **NO VE TESTING!**

Check out the ARRL Louisiana Section Web Page at: <http://www.laarrrl.org>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 PM

NO VE Testing

Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
Scott, LA

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden ARC Hamfest 2010

December 18, 2010

### Local 2-Meter Nets

#### Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM

147.060 Abbeville, LA

#### Friday

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### AARA OFFICERS 2010-2011

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101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

## Boy Scout Winter Camp 2010

The following is a short report from Jim (N5NVP) and Archie (W5AG) on the results of the Radio Merit Badge Course conducted during Boy Scout Winter Camp 2010 at Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp from 19 thru 23 Nov 2010. Jim and Archie report that they greatly appreciate the support that AARA members and local area members provided to help make the Boy Scout Winter Camp 2010 Radio Merit Badge Course a great success. The people who assisted were: Glen Thibodeaux (KF5FNP), Jim Molan (KD5IGG), Chuck Davis (KE5ZZM) and his non-ham friend, Justin Carter of St. Landry, La. Additionally they greatly appreciate the course materials that Nick Pugh (K5QXJ) and



Jim N5NVP - Glen KF5FNP - Archie W5AG



Scouts learning about amateur radio.

operational demonstrations. Archie provided his rotatable dipole antenna which allowed us to have reliable long-haul communications. Jim and Archie had their personal multi-mode radios operating for the scouts to use to make two-way contacts. Chuck (KE5ZZM) and Herman (KN5GRK) made their radio

stations available as stations for the scouts to contact and this was also greatly appreciated.

The Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp consists of an area of 640 acres that are covered with a mixture of both hardwood and softwood. Mt. Bayou has an Olympic sized swimming pool which is very nice. There is also Mt. Bayou Lake which provides a place for events such as the aquatic adventures of canoeing, rowing, exploring, fishing, birding, and nature observations.

There were fourteen (14) students split between a morning class and an evening class. All fourteen of the scouts completed their requirements for their Radio Merit Badge. These young scouts are very sharp and had minds like sponges. They were quick to ask questions and to ask for clarification on various subject matter that was discussed in class. It was a pleasure watching the expressions on their faces as they made their very first radio contacts.

The camp had a great staff running the camp and the camp activities. It was a pleasure to have been invited as instructors for this Radio Merit Badge Course and we have been asked to return on later dates to help instruct additional courses. We shared the use of the BMX bicycle storage facility as our classroom with Patrick Castille (KF5IBT) and Leslie Landry, a non-ham who were conducting the Electronics Merit Badge Course.

Kris Wotipka (KD5QYV) of Abbeville, La. provided. Glen was on hand to assist with the raising and the lowering of the club's trailer mounted antenna tower and also conducted two meter radio communications tests. At additional times Glen also provided old military radios and a manually powered electric generator for display and also for op-



Glen KF5FNP with military radio setup.



Archie W5AG instructing scouts.

(see page 3 column 3 for more pictures)



## November 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

### BOARD MEETING:

A board meeting was held prior to the General Meeting. The entire Board Meeting involved various discussions on the future usage of AMOS (and the generator) and any possible "grants" that the club may receive to replace both, complete with radio equipment. The club agreed to keep AMOS, etc. for the short time, spending money for two new tires and a new battery. Meanwhile, continue work to investigate the avenues to obtain one of the types of "grants" available.

### CLUB MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by the President Irma KE5UPK.
- The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- Everyone was asked to state their names, call-signs along with what they were "**thankful**" for as this is the Thanksgiving Season.
- There were 34 members & guests in attendance.
- Irma KE5UPK introduced the new member of the club, Jim Molan KD5IGG.

**Minutes:** The October Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the November LARC Newsletter.

**Financial Report:** The October 10<sup>th</sup> Financial report was read Joy N5YCS. Members needing a copy of this report can contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org.

**Old Business:** Irma informed the club of the Board's decision on AMOS and the GRANT, that the Board had agreed on, in the earlier Board Meeting.

**New Business:** Herman restated that December will be his last LARC Newsletter. Galen KF5BET will take over as Editor

of the "LARC" Newsletter starting in January, with the help of his two daughters, Kendra KF5FYS and Abby KF5BEW serving as his "Cub Reporters".

Irma KE5UPK stated that the chosen members of the new nominating committee are Jo Ann KE5RPL, Paul K5VSH, Glen KF5FNP with Archie W5AG serving as committee chairman.

The Christmas Banquet will be held at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting. The Entrée's will be provided by the club. Club members were asked to provide covered dishes.

Nick K5QXJ stated that the launch of the balloon radio would be at 8:00 A.M. on November 20<sup>th</sup>. He would post further details via the internet.

Sandy KE5KJF stated that the seven stations for the Cajun Cup Run for November 13<sup>th</sup> had been filled by club members.

Glen K5FNP volunteered to be the refreshment provider for the September 2011 meeting.

Jim N5NVP made a motion to nominate Abby KF5BEW to be the AARA "Youth Member-at-Large". After her duties were explained by Grant KF5CNU, she accepted the nomination. The club voted on her nomination and the ayes were in the majority.

**Guest Speaker:** After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Nick K5QXJ gave a presentation and video on "WSPR" (Distant Whispers). This involves software that enables you to participate in a world wide network of low power propagation beacons.

### Door Prizes:

1. Roland NA5Q - 2# of coffee.
2. Bob KE5WZK - CD Tour of the ARRL Headquarters.
3. Danny K5ARH - A ARRL Antenna publication.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul K5VSH - AARA Secretary

## November VE Test Results

Duane F. Donovan KF4ELJ of Morganza, LA upgraded from Tech to General Class License.

Duane also applied for a new callsign on the 605 form and has been assigned the call KF5IWE.

Danny K5ARH

VE's at this session were:

N5RLM Rick  
K5LFT Greg  
W5AG Archie  
K5ARH Danny

## Boy Scout Winter Camp

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Some of the scouts with Chuck KE5ZZM.



Scouts with military radios.

Thanks go to Mr. Larry VanPelt of Rayne, La. and to Mrs. Pam Rayburn of Coteau, La. for inviting us up to teach the course.

Signed :

Jim N5NVP & Archie W5AG



## 2010 SKYWARN™ Recognition Day

Date - 00Z December 4<sup>th</sup> to 0000Z December 5<sup>th</sup>

SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN™ radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN™ operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

Members of the Lafayette Parish SkyWarn™ and AARA members will be operating from the Lafayette Parish EOC during this time.  
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>

## Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) Special Event Station

The BEARS of Morgan City will host a Special Event Station celebrating the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> in Morgan City, Louisiana. They will be operating on 20/40 meters during the day using the call W5BMC. Main frequencies will be 14.250 & 7.240 MHz during the time of 1600-2300Z. QSL info will be:

Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service W5BMC  
 708 Front St  
 Morgan City, LA 70380

## AARA MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of the year when you are asked to submit your dues for the year 2011-2012. A membership application can be downloaded in Adobe Acrobat format at:

[http://www.w5ddl.org/aara\\_membership\\_appl.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf)

Please fill it out and be sure to include your birthday.

## Gene Clark WA5GOX Honored



Gene Clark, WA5GOX, at right, received a certificate of appreciation from the local Bayou Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) club of Morgan City, Louisiana in recognition of his many years, contributions and efforts to "ham" radio in St. Mary Parish.

Presenting the award is Mike Ancona, KE5COV.

Clark has been a radio amateur since 1963 in the parish and is one of three

remaining people out of 15 that comprised a cadre of hams put together by Dr. Julius Fernandez for handling emergencies in St. Mary Parish in 1963. The other two members of that group are Ronald Clark, WA5GOT (Gene's son) and Frank Musso, WA5QHV.



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|--------------|--------|
| 12/09 ROLAND | NA5Q   |
| 12/10 LOUIS  | KE5GLB |
| 12/11 PAT    | MD5C   |
| 12/13 MIKE   | K5MDG  |
| 12/15 NICK   | KE5MWX |
| 12/22 BUTCH  | K5GLD  |
| 12/29 DAVID  | KC5DPL |
| 12/29 RANDY  | N5MLJ  |
| 1/01 NICK    | K5QXJ  |
| 1/03 BARBARA | N5AUO  |
| 1/05 ARCHIE  | W5AG   |
| 1/09 JACK    | KE5LAY |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

## Minden Amateur Radio Association Hamfest 2010

**Date:** December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway St. Minden, LA.

**Talk-in:** 147.300 PL 186.2

**Admission:** \$5.00 each.

**Tickets for door prizes and main prizes:** \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

### Main Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> - Yaesu Ft-450 HF Transceiver

2<sup>nd</sup> - Icom IC-V8000 2m Mobile

3<sup>rd</sup> - Wouxun Dual Band HT

Tickets may be obtained from any member or contact Fran KD5LKB or Dusty N5COL.

**VE Testing:** All levels 9-12 AM  
 Swap tables will be available for \$5 each, available at the door.

### Website:

<http://www.n5rd.org>



## NOVEMBER 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET   | SESSIONS: | TOTAL<br>CHECK-INS: | TOTAL<br>TRAFFIC: | TOTAL<br>TIME:<br>Minutes | Net<br>Manager |
|---|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 4         | 33                  | 2                 | 79                        | N5LRZ Ray      |
| AARA Monday Night Net                         | 4         | 46                  | Ø                 | 101                       | KF5CNU Grant   |
| Acadiana ARES Net                             | 4         | 18                  | Ø                 | 58                        | N5LRZ Ray      |
| Vermilion Parish ARES Net                     | 2         | 13                  | Ø                 | 22                        | KE5JXC Arnold  |
| HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)            | 2         | * M 4 / G 7         | Ø                 | 23                        | KE5JKD Larry   |

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." - Dr. Seuss

## CAJUN CUP 10K RUN - 2010

The annual Cajun Cup 10K Run kicked off at 8:05 AM on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in downtown Lafayette. It was a most beautiful day for this event. Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was again asked to volunteer assisting this event by having ham radio stations placed around the race course to relay into the Start/Finish line manned by Larry KE5KJD and Sandy KE5KJF and the Command Post manned by Herman KN5GRK. Tactical calls were used along with personal calls at 10 minute intervals. W5DDL was the call used by the CP.

The stations would report to the CP/Finish Line the first three male and female runners to pass their stations. Everyone did a fine job, no accidents reported and the only problem on our part was Archie W5AG at station #5 had some radio problems.

Sandy and Larry (event coordinators) showed up with donuts, coffee and hot chocolate for our volunteers at 7:00 am and briefed everyone on what was to take place, some photos taken and then everyone dispersed to their posts at 7:30 am. The race was over around 10:00 am.

Here are the station volunteers:

| NAME:                      | CALL:           |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Ralph & Phoebe Gaudet    | WB5GAF & KC5VRN |
| 2 Galen Wilson             | KF5BET          |
| 3 Crysti & Abbi Wilson     | N/A & KF5BEW    |
| 4 Jim & Irma Bookter       | N5NVP & KE5UPK  |
| 5 Archie Hill              | W5AG            |
| 6 John & Elizabeth Cunniff | W4JHC & N/A     |



Top left to right: Herman, Crysti, Jim, Irma, John, Phoebe, Ralph, Larry, Archie, Sandi (middle) & Elizabeth, Abbi, & Galen (kneeling).



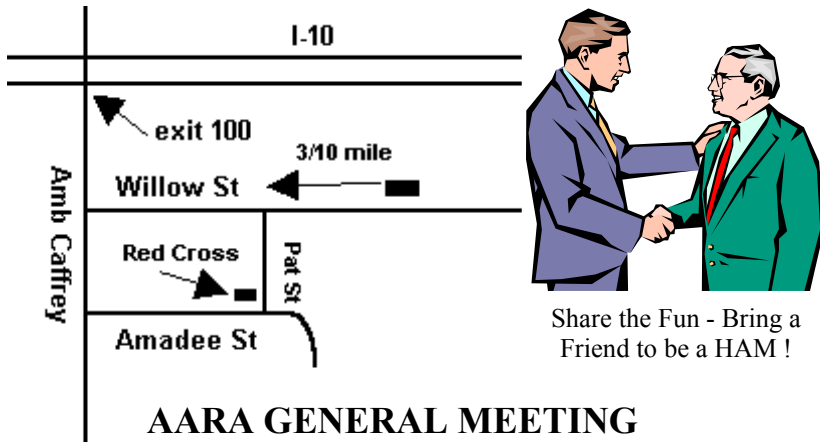
Coffee, donuts, and hot chocolate before the race started.

Race results can be found at:  
<http://www.cajuncup10k.com/Results.htm>

Club President Irma & Youth Member at Large Abbi -----Race Runners

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## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 - 6:00 PM**

**No VE Testing at this meeting!**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

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## **Beef Sirloin Tip Roast Recipe**

reprinted from: <http://www.tasteofhome.com/>

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 beef sirloin tip roast (3 pounds)                 | 1 envelope onion soup mix |
| 1-1/4 cups water, <i>divided</i>                    | 2 tablespoon cornstarch   |
| 1 can (8 ounces) mushroom stems and pieces, drained |                           |

### **Directions:**

\* Place a large piece of heavy-duty foil (21-in. x 17-in.) in a shallow roasting pan. Place roast on foil. Pour 1 cup water and mushrooms over roast. Sprinkle with soup mix. Wrap foil around roast; seal tightly.

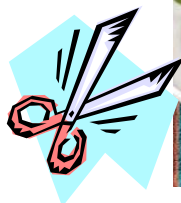
\* Bake at 350° for 2-1/2 to 3 hours or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, a meat thermometer should read 145°; medium, 160°; well-done, 170°).

\* Remove roast to a serving platter and keep warm. Pour drippings and mushrooms into a saucepan. Combine cornstarch and remaining water until smooth; gradually stir into drippings. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened.

\* Serve with slice beef.

Yield: 10-12 servings.

Send your favorite recipe to:  
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## **FCC Information Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**

FCC Website:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245